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Temple rush after parties

- Two lakh ladoos distributed at Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar
- Thousands queue up before Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill
- Tourist places like Mysuru Zoo, Palace, KRS teeming with visitors

Mysuru, Jan.1 (RK,MTY&SR)- Performances by artistes, DJ shows, live orchestras, concerts and dazzling displays of fireworks marked the zero hour celebrations at various party hotspots as city residents ushered in the New Year. The morning after, however, saw people visiting temples and churches to pray for a perfect start to the New Year.

The decibel level at parties hit fever pitch as people let their hair down and enjoyed the year's last night to the fullest prior to the countdown at midnight. Couples, friends, and families with children danced their way at the parties hosted at various hotels, clubs and resorts.

People started the first day of the New Year on an auspicious note by offering special prayers at various shrines. Thousands of devotees queued up at Sri Yoga Narasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar braving cold (today the climate was extra cold).

Devotees queue up in front of Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar in city this morning.

Special pujas began as early as 3 am. Temple authorities distributed two lakh ladoos and puliogare prasadam to devotees specially prepared for the occasion. As many as 60 persons were designated to distribute ladoos and prasadam.

(See TEMPLE on page 9)

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— Management

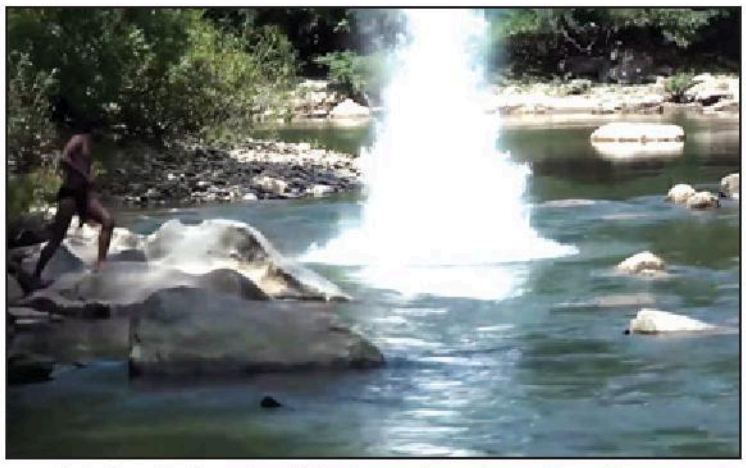
Blast fishing at KRS to make quick buck

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Jan.1- Stopping dynamite blast fishing in the river stream of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam has taken on a new urgency as the crude practice is taking a toll on populations of fish and at the same time harming the people who indulge in such activities.

Dynamites or other types of explosives are used to send shock-waves through the water, stunning or killing fish which are then collected and sold. The blasts destroy the habitat, killing aquatic creatures indiscriminately, reducing future catches, affecting food security and the livelihoods of the fishing communities.

Following a letter by a reader about rampant blast fishing in the river part of the Dam, *Star of Mysore* conducted a reality check. Shockingly, blasting activity to catch fish is rampant



on the downstream where small impoverished explosive devices are brought and blasted on the river bed. The practice of blast fishing is followed at downstream villages including Srirangapatna, Palahalli, Sagarakatte, Badanakuppe, Karighatta, Gosai Ghat, Belagola, Chandel near Sangam and surrounding villages.

Making a quick buck

Though they have permission to fish in the river, villagers and fishermen groups resort to blast fishing to make a quick buck and they procure the explosives from quarries, mining and construction industries.

The impoverished explosive device is called "Thota" in local parlance and has gunpowder and gelatine sticks for high-intensity blasts. It has a four to five inch wick for ignition. Sometimes, even beer bottles are used for the blasts to make a high impact. Villagers also call it as 'Jala Bomb', 'Cape' and 'Yetu'.

Villagers on condition of anonymity told *Star of Mysore* that each "Thota" is available for as less as Rs.50 to Rs.100 and one impoverished explosive device can easily fetch an income of Rs.3,000 to Rs.4,000 after selling the fish. The explosives are either thrown from the river bank or thrown from a dinghy or a "Theppa" or a coracle.

Hotels are big buyers

There are many easy methods of making home-made explosives from common ingredients and they can cause high-intensity blasts. Due to the impact of the blast, fish suffer instant shock and die of heart attack.

They are collected after they float and sold at villages and hotels. Hotels are big buyers of this fish as the fish from the high seas are expensive, said villagers.

(See FISHING on page 9)

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Dealing with distress

The current state of distress bugging the land's diaspora cannot be described meaningfully in mere words. The urbanites may have *brought* it on them by their myriad indiscreet acts while the rustics have it *handed out* to them as a legacy. The former sections in the population may find avenues to assuage their stressful life by various distractions based on entertainment including club membership, viewing movies, celebration of events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays and so on while the rustics are stuck with hours of suffering, anxiety, agony and the feeling of helplessness, particularly in the face of volatile monsoons, resulting in crop loss, not to forget the compulsion of raising loans to survive till better days (*achche din*) come their way. Relocating from their home in the village to any city has only found those who have moved in a situation of 'between the devil and the deep sea' as it were.

The vote-seekers fascinating themselves by describing the rustics as the country's backbone in their harangues before their captive crowds seem to have shifted gears by betraying the faith that village folk exhibited for too long. Unarguably, that backbone is in a state of tatters, worsening the distress in the face of promises by the *netas* vanishing into thin air.

Grandiose plans and programmes being pursued by both union government and those of the states, spending public funds in astronomical proportions, not to forget amounts going into private pockets of vote-seekers in high posts, are clearly urban centric. Road widening, raising flyovers, glitzy tourist sites, speeding trains, beautifying cityscapes and so on don't impress the rustics who find toiling in the fields not rewarding. The newspapers and television channels are referring to the issue of waiving loans taken by the farming fraternity only as tokenism. The rustics are being portrayed in pleasing expressions by public speakers of all hues but kept waiting expectantly for their basic needs of drinking water, health measures, education of their children, dwellings with minimum comforts, electricity for farm needs, roads and most importantly sustained livelihood.

The ongoing features of the elected representatives of people (a) Squabbling for plum portfolios in the cabinet, (b) Exchanging charges of corruption (c) Not holding sessions of Parliament and Legislative Assemblies have shattered hopes of the masses for *achche din*. It is nothing short of paradox that the country is not yet facing disintegration.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HARD AT WORK: ***As the Lok Sabha debated the Triple Talaq Bill on Thursday, several of its members appeared bleary-eyed. Most had returned to their constituencies during the long weekend break, and seemed to be recovering from the after-effects of having followed punishing schedules, visiting schools, colleges and community Christmas celebrations. As MPs held forth on the merits and demerits of the Bill, some members, particularly those from metros, south and eastern India, where Christmas is celebrated with gaiety, could be seen dozing off. MPs, including Ministers in the Narendra Modi government, were also keen to know if December 31 and January 1 would be holidays for Parliament.*** *— In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

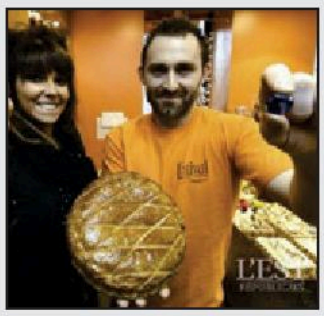
War on speed cameras!

Sevastopol: Sevastopol Police are scrambling to find the vandals who had destroyed over a dozen speed cameras in the last month.

Reports of damaged stationary speed cameras and the solar panels that power them started coming in at the start of December, and Police soon realised that these weren't just isolated incidents. Someone was targeting them and even getting creative with the means of destruction. First, they started by shooting the cameras with metallic pellets fired from air guns, then they moved to sledgehammers, tearing down the concrete posts the speed cameras were mounted on, and recently they even began setting the expensive cameras on fire.

Sevastopol authorities claim that the capture of these vandals is now inevitable, but with 16 destroyed speed cameras reported so far, Police has yet to arrest any suspects.

A diamond pastry!



Paris: A husband-and-wife baker duo in France have decided to hide diamonds in their pastry products in a bid to boost the sales. Nicolas Lelut, 35, and his wife Julie, 30, are expecting a mad rush outside their bakeries – 'Délices de Belleville' in Paris, and 'L'Amandine' in Custines, where the two diamond-containing pastries will go on sale among 800 'plain' ones.

The promotional sale is all set to take place on January 6, on the occasion of The Epiphany, a Christian feast day that celebrates the incarnation of God the Son as Jesus Christ. Customers who visit either Délices de Belleville bakery on the day will have a 0.25 percent chance of winning a 0.20-carat diamond worth 600 euros.

The pastry at Délices de Belleville will contain a white diamond, while the one at L'Amandine will carry a blue one. Both the rocks were provided and certified by a reliable local jeweller.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is ketosis?

When you cut way back on consuming carbs, your body will first use up all the stored energy in your liver. If you continue to avoid eating carbs and the energy stored in the liver is exhausted, the body will begin to burn fatty acids stored in the fat cells, causing weight loss. This is ketosis.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Annual Medical Quiz winners

From left: Vijaya Surya, Supraj and Prakruthi.

Mysuru, Jan. 1-Three students from BASE PU College, Mysuru, have won the Annual Medical Quiz-2018 for PU students conducted by Association of Physicians of India, Mysuru Chapter with the support of PU Department of Mysuru and Junior College Principals Association of the District.

The prizes and Rolling Trophy were awarded by chief guest Dr. Dayanand - DDPU, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraju - Director & Dean, MMC&RI, Dr. M. Srinivas - Superdient, K.R. Hospital, Rame Gowda - Principal, PU College, Gavadagere and Dr. Lakshmegowda - Chairman, API Mysore Chapter. A total of 25 teams participated in the Quiz competition in which Vijay Surya, P. Supraj (both of 2nd PUC) and Prakruthi (of 1st PUC), emerged winners.

Incidentally, the previous edition of Annual Medical Quiz competition was also won by students of BASE Educational Services.

MDFA 'B' Division Football League from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.1- The Mysore District Football Association (MDFA) will be conducting the 'B' Division Football League 2018-19 for the 'Govindaraju Memorial Trophy' at the University Football Grounds from tomorrow (Jan.2).

The matches will be played on a league basis. The teams taking part are Lion FC, KR Mill FC, Royal FC, Govt. Press FC, Soniya FC, KSRTC FC, Mysore Muslims FC and Ganesha FC.

The teams have been divided into two groups. The matches will start at 3.45 pm at the University Grounds every day and the league stage will be held up to Jan.29. In the inaugural match on Wednesday, Lion FC will take on KR Mill FC at the University Grounds.

- ***A seven-day week corresponds to about a quarter of a moon cycle, so it has been a feature of many calendars throughout history. However, the moon isn't the only way to count the days. The French Republican calendar, which was intended to be a secular replacement for the pope-sponsored Gregorian calendar, had 10-day divisions called décades. The early Romans set the week as their eight-day cycle between market days. Some calendars didn't bother with weeks at all. What's a week without a weekend.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A Japanese man in a monastery atop a sacred mountain asks the wise man:
"Master Ayumu, why do all Westerners think that Japanese people look alike?"
"I am not Master Ayumu."

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs.69.64
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 88.86
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 79.92

VOICE OF THE READER

Put an end to blast fishing at KRS

Sir,

During my recent trip to KRS Dam, I stopped near the main big bridge from where the huge water gates are visible. I did not want to go further due to the rush of tourists on that day. On the other side where the water flows on its epic journey I could see a few fishermen in their basket dinghy. The closest at about 50 meters away had a father-daughter duo pulling in their nets and gathering fish.

Further ahead, there were two women casting their nets from another similar dinghy. What a wonderful sight and I missed carrying my DSLR and clicking some good pictures. Further down there was one more dinghy with a single fisherman, could have easily been about 300 meters from the bridge and on the right hand side there was a pump house sort of lookout building. I was intrigued with this one as he casually seemed to paddle around and I wondered what he will reel in. He stood up in the basket dinghy and threw something. And in a matter of seconds there was a huge blast and a splash of water. Soon, he threw another blast stick which was bigger in splash and sound than the first one.

All the birds around swooped in to grab the dead fish. The fisherman (more likely a poacher) started pulling in the net to gather the dead fish. He is no outsider because he had a basket dingy and for sure a local.

A few months back there was a huge hue and cry about how blasting at the quarries can affect the KRS Dam. The quarries are located about 8 kms from the reservoir, chances are quite high that it would affect the Dam for the sole reason that blast tremors travel quite a distance and could turn fatal. But what about blasting activity that blatantly take place half a kilometre away from the Dam? Will this not affect the bridge and the Dam?

Isn't blast fishing illegal? A quick look up on Google brings up the following result: "Blast fishing or dynamite fishing is the practice of using explosives to stun or kill schools of fish for easy collection. This often illegal practice can be extremely destructive to the surrounding ecosystem, as the explosion often destroys the underlying habitat (such as coral reefs) that supports the fish."

Being a nature enthusiast, it pains to see the amount of damage being done here. The blast sound is deafening as sound travels farther in water and bounces greater. I am quite sure this can be heard in the nearest village/ KRS office. This is decimating the ecosystem and schools of fish. No wonder the fresh water fish population in the Cauvery basin is so low. On further enquiry with the locals, I found out that blasting is very common and none of the authorities are concerned or are aware and look the other way for whatever reasons. So this is not a rare incident.

Some more discussion with my friends brought a few more interesting facts. The most noticeable one is that whenever you visit any of the tourist spots near Srirangapatna such blasts are easily audible quite frequently.

I thought possessing any dynamite without proper permission is severely punishable. Is it a problem of willingness in preventing this or an issue of willingly neglecting this issue by officials and the Police Department?

—A concerned citizen

Mysuru 27.12.2018

Veteran actor-writer
Kader Khan dies at 81

Kader Khan

Canada, Jan.1- Veteran actor-writer Kader Khan passed away due to prolonged illness at the age of 81 yesterday, his son Sarfaraz confirmed.

Kader Khan was admitted to a hospital in Canada and his son confirmed that his last rites will be conducted in the country.

"My dad has left us. He passed away on December 31 at 6 pm as per Canadian time due to prolonged illness. He slipped into coma in the afternoon. He was in the hospital for 16-17 weeks.

"The last rites will be performed here in Canada only. We have our entire family here and we live here so we are doing it," Sarfaraz told.

The news of the death of the actor-screenwriter, who was at his peak in the 1980s-90s, comes days after his son dismissed media reports of his demise.

Kader Khan had developed breathing issues and the doctors had reportedly transferred him from regular ventilator to BiPAP ventilator. As per reports, he was suffering from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, a degenerative disease that causes loss of balance, difficulty in walking and dementia.

Born in Kabul, Kader Khan made his acting debut in 1973 with Rajesh Khanna's *Daag* and has featured in over 300 films. He wrote dialogues for over 250 movies.

Before becoming an actor, he had written dialogues for Randhir Kapoor-Jaya Bachchan's *Jawani Diwani.*

As a screenwriter, Khan frequently collaborated with Manmohan Desai and Prakash Mehra.

His films with Manmohan Desai include *Dharam Veer, Ganga Jamuna Saraswati, Coolie, Desh Premee, Suhaag, Parvarish* and *Amar Akbar Anthony* and films with Prakash Mehra include *Jwalamukhi, Sharaabi, Lawaaris* and *Muqaddar Ka Sikandar.*

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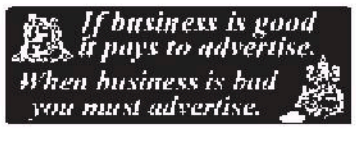

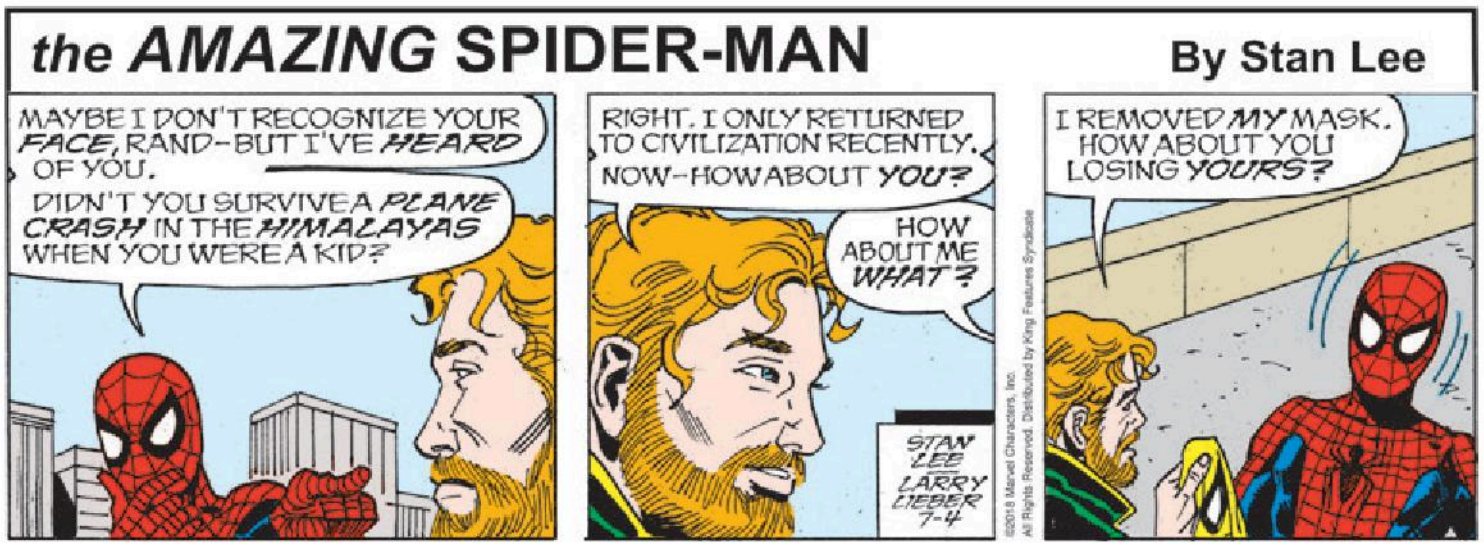
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Three-day Kumbha Mela at T. Narasipur from Feb.17 to 19

District Minister holds preliminary meeting with Seers

District Minister G.T. Devegowda (2nd from right) holding discussion with Seers of various Mutts during the preliminary meeting of Kumbha Mela-2019 at Suttur Mutt in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan.1 - The three-day 11th Kumbha Mela will be held at T. Narasipur in the district from Feb.17 to 19.

A tradition in the making, the Kumbha Mela at T. Narasipur is the initiative of the Seers and religious leaders of the region led by Shivapuri Swamiji of Kailash Ashram and Suttur Mutt Seer Shivratri Deshikendra Swamiji, besides other Seers.

The once in three years religious event, first organised in 1989, is expected to witness a huge conglomeration of devotees from across the country. The event that takes place at Triveni Sangama (confluence of three rivers) at Tirumakudalu in T. Narasipur Taluk, coincides with the Kumbha Mela held in turns at Prayag (Allahabad), Nashik, Haridwar and Ujjain.

Chairing a preliminary meeting at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday, District Minister G.T. Devegowda said a detailed planning is underway to host various events marking the Kumbha Mela. Pointing out that the Government itself will take lead in hoisting the event, the Minister maintained that there was no dearth of funds and all administrative support for shoring up infrastructure would be accorded by the Government.

Minister directed the officials to prepare an estimate for the works and submit the same in a couple of days so that it could be forwarded to the Government.

The Minister also instructed the police personnel to make foolproof arrangements and also to ensure that there are no loopholes in Bandobast.

The officials were also directed to lay emphasis on providing drinking water facilities. Toilets, health and sanitation, improvement of all approach roads leading to T. Narasipur and ensuring uninterrupted power supply.

Suttur Mutt Seer Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji said that the authorities should expedite the preparations as the event was just about 45 days away. The Seer said the objective of the event was to provide an opportunity for the devotees from the region who otherwise cannot go to North or Central India to participate in the religious congregation that will be held in turns at Prayag (Allahabad), Nashik, Haridwar and Ujjain.

DC Abhiram G. Sankar said priority will be given for ensuring the safety and security of devotees and it has been decided to install CCTV cameras in good numbers at the venue with the increase in water level in the rivers due to copious rains, it has been decided to use nylon nets to install barricades in water.

Pointing out that various Department heads have been already entrusted with different tasks for the D-day, he said the road works including repair and asphaltation of roads connecting T. Narasipur and interior areas will also be taken up at the earliest.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Bengaluru Mutt Seer Jayendra Puri Swamiji, Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Atmanandaji, Kaginele Mutt Seer Nityananda Puri Swamiji, Omkar Ashrama's Madhusudhananda Swamiji, Prajapitha Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya's Lakshmiji, T. Narasipur MLA M. Ashwin Kumar, ZP planning officer K.B. Prabhuswamy, A.C. Shivegowda, JSS Mahavidyapeetha CEO Dr. C.G. Bettsurmath and other Seers and officials were among those who attended the meeting.

Disneyland at KRS will be within framework of law, says Minister

S.R. Mahesh

Mysuru, Jan.1 (US)- State Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh has assured that the Government would make an honest attempt within the framework of law to replicate Disneyland in the vicinity of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam.

He was speaking to a section of the press yesterday in the context of Union Government's gazette notification in November 2017 ruling that the vicinity of KRS was an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) would be a setback for the State Government's plan to develop the said area on the lives of Disneyland in USA.

"When the area is reckoned as an ESZ, how come quarrying is going on around the Dam from quite some time?" questioned Mahesh.

"Ironically in an area covering 26 villages coming under the so called ESZ, mining activity, hotel industry and a power project of Atria Group are happily thriving for the last 15 years. Now suddenly harping on Eco-Sensitivity fuels speculations" said Mahesh.

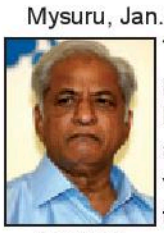
The Minister said that the State Government was keen to develop about 300 acres of land near KRS in public interest eyeing tourism and expressed surprise over attempts to thwart the plan citing ecology. However, he asserted that law is supreme and assured to explore avenues to implement the project under the provisions of law. He pointed out that Eco Tourism, Agri Tourism and Water Tourism are different variants with special provision under law which will be looked into to replicate Disneyland. He further said that the Government is not making a Disneyland but only replicating its features and facilities which should not be misconstrued.

Mayor, Deputy Mayor feted

Former Corporator Suhail Baig seen felicitating Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed at a function organised at Al-Kareem School in city recently. Others seen are Jagannath, Al-Kareem School Founder Alhaj Hussaini Baig, Chairman and Advocate Kaleem Ulla Baig and Head Mistress Yasmeen Sultana.

Derogatory remarks against Lord Rama

FIR filed against Prof. K.S. Bhagawan



Prof. K.S. Bhagawan

Mysuru, Jan.1 (YDS&DM) - The Kuvempunagar police have filed an FIR against controversial writer of the city Prof. K.S. Bhagawan for making derogating remarks against Lord Rama in his work.

Prof. Bhagawan in the second edition of his book 'Rama Mandira Yeke Beda', released recently, had portrayed both Lord Rama and his wife Sita in bad light.

Following a complaint by K. Jagdish Hebbar, President, Mysuru City and District Hindu Jagarana Vedike, the Kuvempunagar police booked a case against Prof. Bhagawan under IPC section 295A (deliberate and malicious act intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its origin or religious beliefs).

Though another complaint of a similar nature was filed at Nazarbad Police Station, only one FIR has been registered in compliance with the prevailing rules, it is learnt.

Following the FIR, the police are seeking the opinion of legal luminaries to proceed with the investigation in the case.

It may be mentioned here that BJP Yuva Morcha leader Nishanth had recently made a vain bid to worship a portrait of Lord Rama outside the writer's house at Kuvempunagar, only to be detained by the police.

Obituary

K. L. Nagaraju

Hunsur, Jan.1 - K. L. Nagaraju (58), President of Auto Association and a resident of Kalkunike in the town, passed away yesterday following a brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons Pradeep and Prathap (photographers) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed last evening.

National

Astrology Meet on Jan. 6

Mysuru, Jan.1- Mayakara Gurukula, in association with Sanskrit University, has organised a National Astrology Meet for the second time on Jan.6 at 9 am at Cauvery auditorium in the premises of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) here.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Mayakara Gurukula Founder Mugur Madhu Dikshit said that the Astrology Meet would be inaugurated by Sanskrit University Deputy Registrar Prakash Pagoji with Suttur Shivarathreeshwara Almanac (Panchanga) writer Dr. K.V. Puttahonnaiah and Scholars Dr. Bhanupraksh Sharama, Rakesh Shastri, G. Ravi and Vishnu Shastri as chief guests.

He added that several Astrologers and Scholars from across the Country would participate in the meet.

Obituary

S. Basavaraju

Mysuru, Jan.1- S. Basavaraju (57), formerly Assistant Branch Manager of LIC of India and a resident of Vidyashankar Nagar here, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Parvathi Vattam (daughter of late journalist Krishna Vattam), two daughters, a son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farm house in Pillahalli near Varuna this afternoon, according to family sources.

A. Gayathri

A. Gayathri (62), daughter of late Ashwatnarayan Rao and a resident of Gokulam Park Road here, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday.

She leaves behind a sister, a brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

18 months of GST

Ministry of Finance
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GST brings happiness to every home

99% of household items now taxed much lower than the pre-GST tax rate

1 NATION TAX MARKET

HOUSEHOLD GOODS	Pre-GST Tax Incidence	GST Rate	HOUSEHOLD GOODS	Pre-GST Tax Incidence	GST Rate
Tooth powder	17%	12%	Sewing Machine	16%	12%
Hair oil, Toothpaste, Soap	27%	18%	Static Convertors (UPS)]	28%	18%
Cosmetics and perfumes	28%	18%	Wrist-watches, pocket-watches and other watches	28%	18%
Detergents and Washing Powders	28%	18%	Bamboo, cane furniture	23%	12%
Polishes and creams, for footwear, furniture, floors, coachwork, glass or metal	28%	18%	Other furniture	28%	18%
Baths, sinks, wash basins, bidets, lavatory pans, seats and covers, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary ware of plastics and other articles of plastic	28%	18%	Mattresses	28%	18%
Footwear of RSP upto Rs. 1000 per pair	10%	5%	TV upto 32 inches	31.3%	18%
Other footwears	21%	18%	Refrigerator	31.3%	18%
Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles	28%	12%	Washing Machine	31.3%	18%
LPG Stove	21%	18%	Electrical Appliances mixer, juicer, vaccum cleaner, etc.	31.3%	18%
Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors	28%	18%	Geyser, fan, cooler	31.3%	18%
LED	15%	12%	Mobile phones	18-25%	12%
Kerosene pressure lantern	8%	5%	Watches, clocks	31.3%	18%
Vacuum flasks and other vacuum vessels	28%	18%	Furniture	25-31%	18%
Movie tickets more than Rs. 100	35%	18%	Movie tickets upto Rs. 100	35%	12%
Wheat	2.5%	0%	Milk Powder	6%	5%
Rice	2.75%	0%	Vegetable Edible Oils	6%	5%
Curd, Lassi, Butter Milk	4%	0%	Spices	6%	5%

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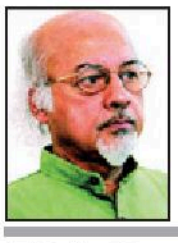
When Happy New Year is a Prayer



Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

So what were the most indiscreet, absurd, ridiculous and damfoolish statements of 2018? Not that anything this year can overshadow the all-time record set by Mulayam Singh Yadav. Remember his justification of rapes on the ground that boys will be boys? He exposed his Stone Age mentality again when he said, "We should avoid the use of computers and English in India."

The year that is passing did make an effort to keep up, Ministers leading the pack. Anant Kumar Hegde said that Sanskrit would be the language of future supercomputers. Haryana Minister Anil Vij added that Mahatma Gandhi's image on currency notes brought about devaluation. This was mild compared to a 2008 comment by party colleague Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi. His piece of wisdom was: "Women wearing lipstick and powder are the same as J&K terrorists."

Religious rabidness being the fashion of the times, men in power took action that would otherwise have been irregular. The seasoned tactician Shivraj Singh Chauhan elevated five ordained sadhus to Minister status and formally anointed them as Minister Babas. That his government fell in the election that followed is a different story. The fall also ended plans for sadhus and temple workers to collect metal for a 108-ft Statue of Wisdom a la the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.

Here are some other sayings of the year. Gujarat's Chief Minister Rupani said Narad Muni was the original Google. Rajasthan's then Education Minister Devnani said cows exhale oxygen. Former Uttarkhand Chief Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said: "Science is a dwarf in front of astrology. We speak about nuclear science today. But Sage Kanada (Kashyapa) conducted nuclear test one lakh years ago." Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh wants us to know that "the idea behind yogic farming is to empower the seeds with help from positive thinking. We should enhance the potency of seeds by rays of paramatma shakti." The one and only Biplab Deb of Tripura took up a different topic. He said, "In Mahabharata, Sanjaya was blind but he narrated what was happening in the battlefield. This was due to internet technology. Satellites existed during that period." (Sanjaya was not blind, by the way. His king Dhritarashtra was. Sanjaya had *divya drishti* with which he could see events far away).

The Mughal period of Indian history is something our patriots would like to wish away. But not all Mughal rulers were bad. According to Madanlal Saini, President of BJP in Rajasthan, "when Humayun was dying he called Babur and said, 'If you want to rule Hindustan, you must keep three things in mind — respect cows, brahmins and women."

Bringing up the rear in 2018 was Kiren Rijiju, a Minister who usually tries to strike a modernistic pose. According to him, "the population of Hindus in India is going down because they never convert people while minorities are flourishing." Rijiju is in the Home Ministry. Why doesn't he take steps to put a full stop to conversions? Why not also implement the Honourable MP Sakshi Maharaj's proposal that "every Hindu woman must produce at least four kids to protect Hinduism."

"Will India get out of intolerance is the question 2018 leaves behind. The answer will come loud and clear as 2019 gets into stride. We have only one India, an India of multiple faiths, multiple languages, multiple food and dress cultures — Incredible India. Will the incredible retain its glory?"

This year's Ignoble Prize for absurd, fatuous, ridiculous statements must of course go to the faceless terrorists who dominate the social media with their reckless threats and warnings. A Karnatak music singer was called a traitor because he was scheduled to sing compositions about "Gods of religions other than Hinduism." Actor par excellence Naseeruddin Shah is being pilloried for criticising Hindutva extremism. This is a man who did not even care to know what was his religion until admission problems made him join Aligarh Muslim University. He became a fish out of water there, too. His "crime" this time is that he criticised certain aspects of politics in his country. Like Yashwant Sinha does. Like Arun Shourie does. Like Shatrughan Sinha does. Like Shashi Tharoor does. But criticism from them is okay because their names do not have a Naseeruddin in it. This is unacceptable.

Will India get out of intolerance is the question 2018 leaves behind. The answer will come loud and clear as 2019 gets into stride. Threats to citizens with different opinions will either become the rule of life or a thing of the past depending on how the votes go in a few months from now. We have only one India, an India of multiple faiths, multiple languages, multiple food and dress cultures — Incredible India. Will the incredible retain its glory?

Happy New Year is not just a Greeting this year but a Prayer.

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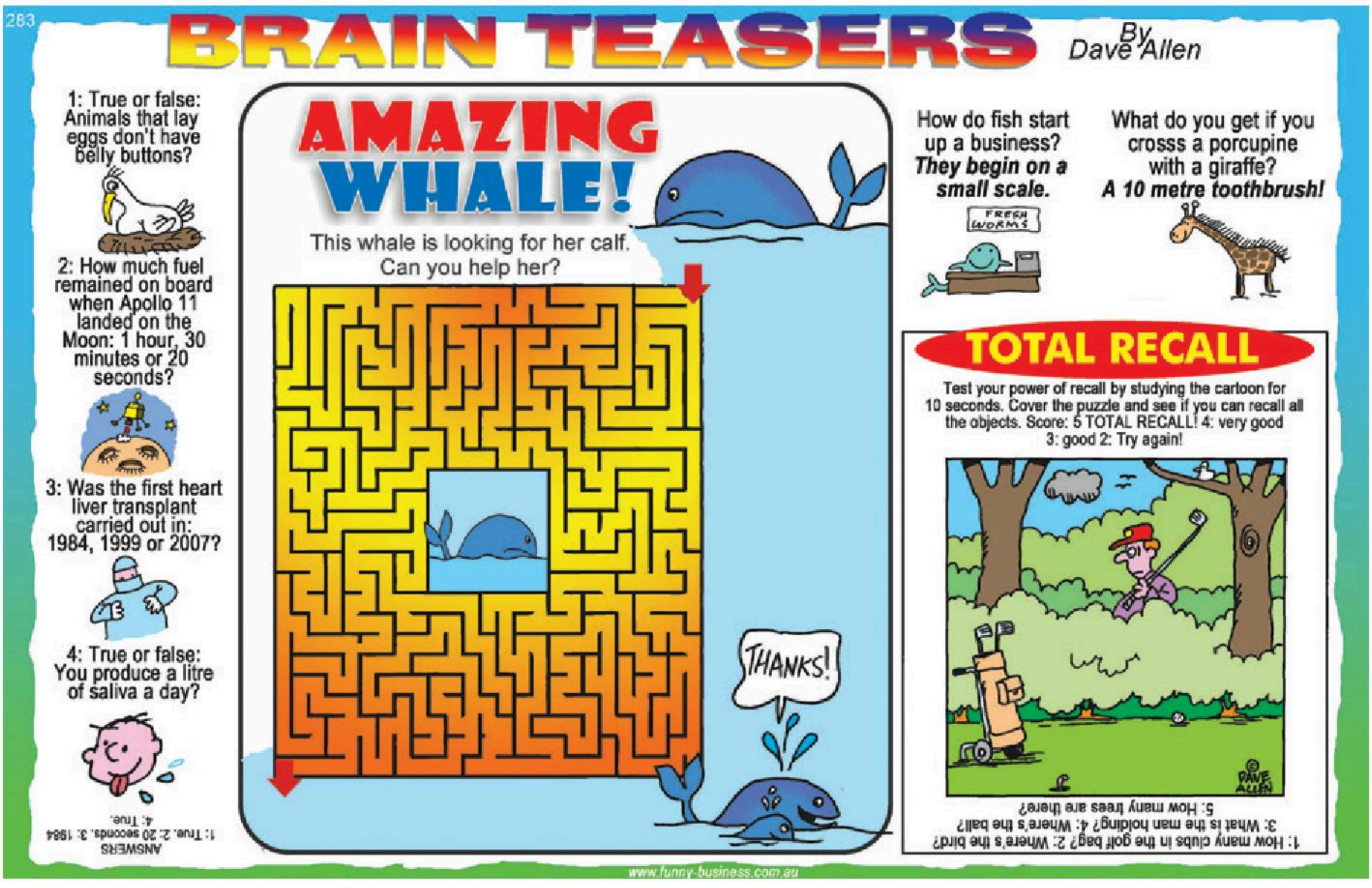
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By Dave Allen
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2: How much fuel remained on board when Apollo 11 landed on the Moon: 1 hour, 30 minutes or 20 seconds?
3: Was the first heart liver transplant carried out in: 1984, 1999 or 2007?
4: True or false: You produce a litre of saliva a day?
ANSWERS
1: True. 2: 20 seconds. 3: 1984
4: True.
AMAZING WHALE!
This whale is looking for her calf.
Can you help her?
THANKS!
How do fish start up a business?
They begin on a small scale.
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A 10 metre toothbrush!
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'Skill development helps students' progress'

opines Adichunchanagiri Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji

Mysuru, Jan.1 (SPN&NNN)- Every student must develop skill development, personality development and imbibe social values at the school and college stage itself which will enable one to contribute to the development of the nation, opined Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Niramalanandanatha Swamiji.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Annual Day celebrations of Adichunchanagiri Educational Institutions held at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road yesterday and said that during such programmes if the students whistle and make catcalls, he does not believe that these kinds of students are bad. On the contrary, if they make effort to change according to the times, then that is true learning.

Every student has enough to learn from year on year. One should first understand what he is learning. Otherwise even getting ranks is of no use as it does not help to build one's life. Hence, at the degree stage itself, a student must decide the direction one has to take and choose subjects accordingly, he advised.

Those students who participate in extra-curricular activities will become creative, develop self-confidence and have concern for the society. It will also help in self-introspection regarding other values. Hence, every student must participate in extra-curricular activities and learn to keep in control the five senses, said the Swamiji.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, speaking, said that he had started his career as a temporary teacher in JSS High School and later became a Professor and the VC of University of Mysore. The amount of satisfaction that he got while teaching in High School, he has not had during his teaching career in the University, he added.

Adichunchanagiri Seer Dr. Sri Niramalanandanatha Swamiji inaugurating the Annual Day celebrations of Adichunchanagiri Educational Institutions at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city yesterday as University of Mysore VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Adichunchanagiri Mysuru branch's Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, DDPU Dr. Dayananda, College Development Council (CDC) Director Prof. Srikantaswamy and others look on.

BGS Educational Institutions teaches first a student discipline in learning, social etiquette, personality development and social values and such an all-round education is not available in all schools. What a student learns during the school education, one adopts it in one's professional life too, he said.

Students must make use of the library facilities instead of browsing too much on the internet and teachers also have a role to play in this as they have to create interest among them to read books, he said.

On the occasion, 10 talented students Abhishek Gowda, Vaishnavi, Gagan Gowda, C.D. Mohan, P.C. Bhumika, Gayathri, Srilakshmi, D. Keerthan, Padma Priya G. Nayak and S. Keerthana were felicitated.

Later, Karnataka Kavalu Pade calendar was released. President Mohan Gowda and office-bearers were present.

The organisers announced that Rs.12 lakh had been collected from BGS students and donated to Kodagu flood-victims.

Adichunchanagiri Mysuru branch's Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, K.R. Nagar Kaginele Mutt's Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji, Chunchanakatte's Sri Annadaneshwara Swamiji, Sri Shailanatha Swamiji and Sri Vidyadaranatha Swamiji graced the occasion. Deputy Director of PU Education Dr. Dayananda, University of Mysore College Development Council (CDC) Director Prof. Srikantaswamy and others were present.

A section of students of Adichunchanagiri Educational Institutions attending the Annual Day celebrations in city yesterday.

Souharda Co-operative Day observed

Mysuru, Jan.1 (PM&US)- Marking Souharda Co-operative Day, Karnataka State Souharda Federal Co-operative (KSSFC) Ltd. had organised a function at the Mysuru Divisional Office on Shankar Mutt Road here this morning.

KSSFC Director H.V. Rajeev hoisted the Co-operative Flag and speaking, said that the Co-operative sector has grown phenomenally in the State with over 4,500 Societies and 60 lakh members.

He further said that many Co-operative Banks were doing very well with modern technology with no assistance from the Government.

Legal Officer Shivakumar Biradar, Divisional Officer Y. Kumar, Development Officer Suresh and others were present.

Early Childhood Education Conference on Jan.6

Mysuru, Jan.1- International Montessori and Kindergarten Training Academy (IMKTA), situated on Manandavadi Road, Mysuru, has organised the Fifth Early Childhood Education Conference - 2019 in association with All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, on Jan.6 at 9 am at Hotel Rio Meridian on New Sayyaji Rao Road.

The topic of the Conference, organised for Early Childhood Teachers, Parents, Educational Administrators, Doctors, Counsellors, is 'Managing of preschool children with special needs.'

For registration, contact Vinuta Manjesh on Mob: 99863-74040 or Sowmya Vijay on Mob: 99024-41976, according to a press release from the Academy.

Power line transmission,

Residents asked to be cautious

Mysuru, Jan.1- Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) had set up 66/11 KV line Sub-Station Centre at Bannikuppe village in Hunsur taluk of Mysuru district.

KPTCL grid transmits electricity at high voltage from Power Stations to Sub-Station from today. High voltage of power will be transmitted through Hootagalli-Periyaptana line. Residents of Jadaganakoppalu, Maralaiahanakoppalu and Bannikuppe are requested to keep away from this high tension tower erected along the stretch. People should not tether cattle, grow plants, fly kites, remove any metals from the nearby tower.

Spectacular Fireworks

enthral crowds at Doddakere Maidan

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (YDS,MK&KS)- With the illuminated Mysore Palace in the backdrop, thousands of New Year revellers were awestruck by the fireworks display at Doddakere Maidan from 12 am to 12.15 am as the crowd cheered "Happy New Year" at the stroke of midnight.

Earlier, the Police Band performed at the Mysore Palace premises from 11 pm to 12 am and at the stroke of midnight, the Palace lights were switched on and fireworks began. It was "party-all-night" yesterday at various hotels and resorts which were packed with revellers who danced their way out to forget bitter experiences they faced last year and welcome the New Year with open arms.

Youths and couples attended parties which were held at Grand Mercure, Radisson Blu, Sandesh The Prince, Rio Meridian Hotel, Country Inn and Suites, Hotel Quorum, Brindavan Gardens, Golden Landmark Resort, Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Young Island Resort, Lobo's Courtyard, Purple Haze, Hotel High Park, Hoysala Drive-in Garden Restaurant, The Green Hotel, Royal Orchid Metropole, Hotel Palace Plaza and other hotels and clubs.

The party venues were illuminated with decorative lights to welcome the guests who began to arrive from 7.30 pm and the parties went on post midnight. Dressed in their best, the guests danced away to glory besides involving themselves in various fun-filled games besides witnessing magic shows, comedy shows, fashion shows and competitions organised by party organisers.

The City Police had beefed up security and special units for women and children were formed to ensure their safety. The Police had issued warnings to hotels, bars, clubs, resorts and restaurants, to close the celebration by 1 am but since everything was going on smoothly parties went on till 2 am.

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

From Police with love: Ladoos, gifts to traffic rule followers

City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao and DCP (Crime & Traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, seen giving a gift to one of the commuters near Palace North Gate this morning [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Jan.1 (MTY&SR)- In a bid to promote road safety rules and their compliance, City Police conducted a novel campaign by distributing ladoos, New Year greeting cards and gift boxes to traffic rule followers at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple this morning.

The Police launched this drive for the first time on the first day of the year with an intention to motivate public to follow traffic rules. While Police stopped vehicles that flouted traffic rules and penalised them at the same venue, rule followers were offered sweets, greeting cards and gift.

Inaugurating the drive, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao said that over 80% of vehicle owners have been following traffic rules but still 20% of them violated road safety norms.

He said that the Police conducted the drive by distributing roses, chocolates and gifts to sensitise people about traffic rules. This is a part of people-friendly Police initiatives. Several teams had been formed across the city as part of the awareness campaign.

The Commissioner further said that traffic violations and accidents have become a global epidemic as more number of people are dying of road accidents.

However, Government authorities and NGOs are working hard with a combination of awareness, behaviour and infrastructure strategies to reverse the deadly trend by reducing accidents through traffic safety initiatives.

As per reports, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists were identified as they are most vulnerable to road accidents. Among the causes noted were over speeding, reckless driving, not respecting other road users as well as bad road conditions.

The main objective of the campaign was to raise awareness on the causes and effects of road accidents, he said.

DCP (Crime & Traffic) Dr. Vikram V. Amathe, ACP G. N. Mohan, Inspectors Manjunath, D. Yogesh, Rajeshwari, C.V. Ravi and others were present during the drive.

Two youths drown in River Kapila

Nanjangud, Jan.1 (RS&DM)- New Year celebrations cost two youths their life, as they met a watery grave in River Kapila at Nanjangud this morning.

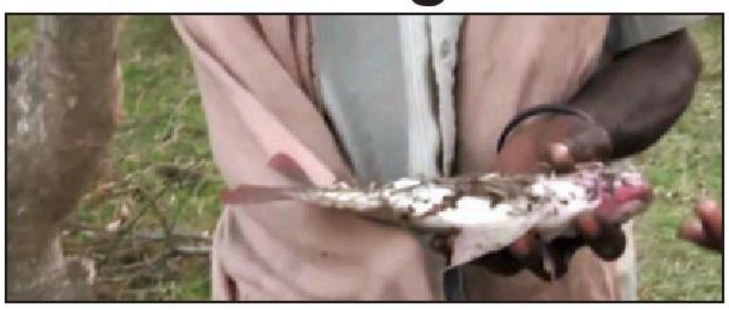
A group of three youths from Rajajinagar in Bengaluru, who are said to be Techies, came in a car to Mysuru last night for New Year celebrations.

The youths, all in their twenties and identified as Snehal Ashish, Rajiv and Vinod, came to Nanjangud this morning for having darshan at Srikanteshwara Temple.

Before visiting the temple, they decided to have a bath at Kapila river and entered the waters near Hejjige bridge at about 10.30 am. But minutes later, Snehal Ashish and Rajiv were washed away by strong currents, while Vinod managed to swim to safety. While the body of one of the victims was retrieved, search operation is going on to trace the body of another victim.

Nanjangud Police have registered a case in this regard.

Blast fishing at KRS



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Hands maimed

Apart from killing fish en-masse, the blasts have endangered the lives of Otters that have habitats along the river stream. Not only this, there are many cases where fishermen have injured themselves while blasting the impoverished explosive devices.

Usually, the wick of the blast is only four to five inches and when ignited, fire spreads instantly and the device sometimes explodes in the hands before even it is hurled into water.

Villagers said that there are more than 15 persons in Srirangapatna taluk who have lost their hands due to the explosion. Sometimes, the explosives are thrown deep into the river where rocky ditches are covered in water. Many times, due to the impact, rocks and splinters fly and have hit the villagers, they said.

Under the nose of authorities

"A plain visit to KRS surroundings will not reveal anything but a close watch along the downstream reveals the actual scale of the blasts," said another villager. The source of the explosive is kept so secret that only trusted people gain access to them after using code words, they said. The blasts usually occur from 10.30 am to 12 noon and from 3 pm to 4.30 pm. The fish is later carried to the market place.

Forest Department sleuths are unable to take action against this menace as the blasting activities are held in remote areas where there are no access roads. Also, since a particular group of villagers indulge in this activity, they shift from one point to other almost every day making it near to impossible to track.

Temple rush after parties

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Sri Lakshmivenkataramanaswamy Temple at Vontikoppal, Chandramouleshwara Temple near Mathrumandali Circle, Raghavendraswamy Temple at Jayalakshmipuram, 101 Ganapathy Temple at Agrahara, Ganapathi Temples at Paduvarahalli, Gokulam Aralimara and High-Tension Road in Vijayanagar, Chamundeshwari Temple at Surya Bakery Circle in Mahadeshwara Layout and Annapoorneshwari Temple at Hebbal also witnessed rush.

Chamundi Hill

Thousands of devotees flocked the iconic Chamundi Hill to offer special prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari. Apart from tourists, local visitors, students, newly married couples thronged the temple from early in the morning. Police faced a tough time in controlling the crowd. A large number of devotees offered prayers after climbing the over 1,080 steps. As all the parking lots were filled with vehicles, the temple authorities and the Police had opened the newly built multi-level parking lot atop the hill to facilitate parking.

Anjaneyaswamy and Ganapathi Temples near Mysore Palace North Gate, Nazarbad Mahadeshwara Temple, Kurubarahalli Bannimahakali Temple, Bandanthamma Temple in Kuvempunagar, Durgamma Temple at Ittigegud, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, Uttanahalli Jwalamukhi Tripura Sundari Temple and other temples in city also witnessed heavy rush.

Apart from this, Sri Ranganathaswamy and Nimishamba Temples at Srirangapatna, Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud, Gunjanarasimhaswamy Temple in T. Narasipura and other Temples adjoining Mysuru saw extra rush.

Tourist places like Mysuru Zoo, Brindavan Gardens, Mysore Palace, Bandipur and Nagarahole National Parks, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary and other tourist hotspots in and around Mysuru were teeming with tourists. A number of youngsters in city continued to celebrate the New Year by cutting cakes on various roads, public streets and parks even this morning.

Bhima-Koregaon anniversary in city this evening

Mysuru, Jan.1- Marking the 201st anniversary of Bhima-Koregaon, the Jai Bheem Sports Club will pay tribute at 'Jay Stambh' near Jayanagar Railway Gate in city at 6.30 pm today (Jan.1).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, the Club President Jayaraj Hegde said that the event will be a commemoration of the 201st anniversary of Bhima-Koregaon, in which the Peshwas were defeated by the British forces in a historic third Anglo-Maratha Battle that ended at Bhima-Koregaon in Pune district of Maharashtra in 1818. The British later erected a victory obelisk (Memorial) and the Dalits regard it as their symbolic victory over higher castes, which is celebrated annually on New Year Day (Jan.1), he said.

Continuing, Hegde said that retired High Court Judge Nagamohan Das will inaugurate the programme at 6.30 pm today.

Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jananaprakasha Swamiji and T. Narasipur Buddhist Monk Prakash Bantheji will grace the occasion, he said.

Writer Siddaswamy, activist Naga Siddartha Holeyar, Ashokapuram Police Inspector Siddaraju, Bodisatva Credit Co-operative Society Director Eshwar Chakkadi and *Nele Hinnale* organisation's K.R. Gopalakrishna will be felicitated on the occasion, he said.

Prior to the event, a procession will be taken out at 4.30 pm from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Park in Ashokapuaram to the Town Hall, featuring tableaux of Dr. Ambedkar and Buddha, he added.

Scholastic, illuminative lec-dems

Music conferences are interesting and educative to music lovers. If the morning sessions attract musicologists and theory-aspiring students, the evening concerts attract a huge audience from all parts of Mysuru. As is the practice,JSS Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, conducted its annual conference from Dec.2 to 6, out of which the second, third and fourth mornings found music aspirants at Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Mysuru.

N.R. Prashanth from Mysuru gave a lec-dem on 'Raganusandhana' (Raga Approach). Starting from involving oneself in a raga, he explained how devotion or Bhakti can manifest itself in a raga. Shubha Santosh presented a paper on 'Types of Tana.' The presentation of Shuddha and Koota tanas with the veena illustration was impressive.

Well-known mridanga artiste **H.S. Sudheendra** gave an authoritative demonstration on 'Rare talas.' Quoting references from Bharata's time, he mentioned that there have been about 1740 talas documented so far. He also mentioned that unfortunately the tala cantos in our Sanskrit scriptures have not been translated. He also illustrated several talas referring to Simhanandana, Navasandhi, Suladi, Sharabhanandana, Deshadi and madhyadi, etc. He quoted from books like Someshwara's 'Manasollasa,' Sarangadeva's 'Sangeeta Ratnakara' and Venkatamakhin's Chaturdandi Prakashika and introduced many new talas. He also explained how these have been effectively used by the Trimurtys in their kritis.

Dr. K. Vageesh gave a lecture-dem on Deekshitar's 'Mantradi Agama Shastra - An analysis.' He illustrated a huge number of Deekshitar's kritis unveiling mantras, yantras, pranavas, agamas and pancha dashaksharis in them. 'Dasha Vidha Raga Kusuma Manjari' by Adibhatla Sri Narayana Dasar is a rare musical wonder, in which the author has brought together Lakshya-Lakshan Samanvaya - A confluence of theory and practice. The structure of the Manjari — It has a total of ten navatis in ten jaatis, each navati having nine ragas, making it a total of ninety ragas. The languages used are Sanskrit and Telugu. Like Deekshitar, Narayana Dasar has used 'Raga Mydra' in each raga's composition as an adjective to Devi or Bhagavati. The very name of the essay 'Panachamukhi' refers to the five faces of Shiva. How Panchamukhi can be performed simultaneously in one cycle by using various physical movements including head, thighs and hands was beautifully illustrated by Srikantham Nagendra Shastri and his nine disciples. How a sixth anga can also be used, which can be called 'Shanmukhi' was also shown. Rare ragas like Dundubhi, Chandrikalola, Kaumari and Jeevaranjani are used in the essay with ragamudra.

Dr. Hamsini Nagendra gave an interesting lecture on the 'Variety in modern pallavis.' She explained the word pallavi and its parts — Sahitya, Tala (laya) and raga, out of which sahitya is related to language. It was interesting to note how padagarbha is automatically got in compositions as in 'Bhagyada Lakshmi Baramma' and so this sahitya can be adapted as the sahitya of the pallavi. Swarakshara pallavis, yati in pallabvis as in 'Sacchidananda Chidananda Ananda mukunda' (Gopucchayati) and Shrotovahayati as in 'Geetapriye Sangeetapriye Sada Shanmukhapriye.' While explaining raamudra in pallavi Hamsini demonstrated 'Yadukulatilakaa Peetambaradhari' in Kapi and drew the listener's attention to the fact that the name of the raga is arrived by the combination of the last letter of the first word and the first letter of the second word.

Pattabhi Ram Pandit presented a paper here on the concept of Raga. He first took up the word Raga and explained its origin in the 3rd and fourth century BC by Matanga and the classification of ragas, usage of ragas as used by composers and ancient singers, which was illustrated by several recordings of the past. He explained how raga is highly related to spirituality. He also explained how a raga like Chintamani would never exist today but for its only composition in the raga — 'Devi Brova Samayamide' by Sri Shyama Shastri. So also Jingala but for its only composition — Sri Tyagaraja's 'Anathudanu'. 'Ragas for purpose' was also taken up in his lecture wherein rasas and music therapy were described. To attract more audience to the morning sessions the sabha can perhaps include colorful musical dramas based on the life of musicians and musicologists.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Kumbh Mela of Dance

On Sunday, the 16th of December 2018 was a sort of Kumbh Mela of Dance, at Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagara, Mysuru at the auspicious hour of 6 pm.

The curator of the show of "Articulate Festival" Mysore B. Nagaraj, on behalf of Articulate Trust for Arts, presented the 31st of its series by bringing together on stage, artistes from the Bay of Bengal, shores of Arabian Sea, the plains of Ganges and the North Pacific ocean creating a confluence of two classical dance arts of India, Bharatanatyam and Kathak. It did create exciting waves of artistry that swept the audience into the depths of visual bliss.

Glistening Ripples in the Pacific Ocean

Viji Rao, daughter and disciple of Guru Shiva Rao, in her three chosen repertoire of Bharatanatyam swam through the choreographic works of The Sridhars and Bragha Bassell to the beautiful musical compositions of Praveen D. Rao to the lyrics drawn from traditional Sanskrit Shlokas, Purandara Dasa and Meera Bai.

Starting with a Shloka on Ganesha and weaving it with "Ikshudhandadhara", concluding with the bhajan "Mere tho Giridhara Gopal," Viji Rao performed "Yamanelli Kanenendu" in between with such exhibit of geometrical Nrutta and moving Abhinaya. Her decades of pursuit and perseverance in dance showed through her perfect presentation.

Unruffled by the winds of western dance, her Indian dance stood firm on the west coast of USA where she hails from. Viji Rao's bharatanatyam performance was a befitting spring board of the series of dances of the evening.

Sublime Sundarbans of Bay of Bengal

From the delta of Bay of Bengal came the young artiste **Karuna Ketan Bhakta,** to the land of Cauvery to exhibit his talent of Bharatanatyam, having learnt the art of South India in the bustling town of Kolkata. He sailed through a kouthwam attached to a Alaaripu, a Shiva addressed composition and a signature repertoire Tillana.

His effortless movement was just simple and elegant in his warming up alaaripu number, his energetic dancing for the composition "Pradosha Samayadhi" showed the power of Shivas dance and his thillana in shanmukhapriya was very crisp and pleasing to the eyes.

His nimble feet discarded the heavy stomping giving a floating perception within the grace of Bharatanatyam. A very promising youngster indeed.

Rapids in Ganga

Richa Gupta's Kathak of Jaipur Gharana was a exciting float in the rapids of Ganga.

Coming from Delhi, her dexterous manipulation of her ankle bells echoing every syllable of the percussion were like the little currents that carried away the audience on a dance ride.

She gleaned through complex patterns in the 11 beat cycle of Ashta Mangal taal. Right from That, through amaad and parans till her Padakriya she drew rapturous clapping from the prekshaka.

Her rendition of a ghazal in chaste urdu, though went over the head, because of the complexity of the enchanting language, took the audience into a world of coquettishness that lucknow was famous for, through her explanation of being in love.

The couplet said, Many a person has escaped the pains induced by thorns while I am hurting myself by the softness of the flowers. She showcased the Hindu art that was gilded by the artistes from the Muslim era, enchantingly.

Soothing breeze from Arabian Sea

Priyanjali Rao came from Mumbai, from the coast of Arabian Sea, bringing with her the coolness the setting sun in the west could raise in the western waters.

Her petite and perfect composure complimented the rechakas and mandalas she executed in her Bharatanatyam renditions. The four items she chose for the evening were short, crisp and suiting the attention sensitivity of today's audience.

Her choice was more in Abhinaya though she concluded with a Kamaj raga Thillana. Her selection of poetry were from Annamacharya bhakthi composition in mixed Sanskrit, Swathi Thirunal's Telegu Javali and Saint Janabai's Marathi Abhangs.

She had all the command one requires to execute the Nrutta but also shined in her abhinaya. Her very limbs oozed meaning when she emoted the feelings of a devotee in the krithi and Abhang. She stole the audience heart in her Khandita Nayika bhava in the javali where she accuses her beloved for betraying her for another women.

Yes, the ripples and waves, in the confluence of dance artistes of caliber, indeed took the audience on a high ride in the high tide.

Property Guidance Value hiked; comes into effect from today

Mysuru, Jan.1 (SBD&BCT)- The State Government has hiked the guidance value of properties by 5% to 25% and the revised rates have come into effect from today (Jan.1, 2019) at all Sub-Registrar Offices. Henceforth, property rates are set to go up along with registration charges in city and its outer limits.

Guidance value is the price of a property fixed by the Government, and property registrations cannot go below that fixed price. This is also a major revenue source for the Government. The rates have remained unchanged in State since 2016 owing to a sharp decline in the Real Estate sector. The guidance value has been increased to give a fillip to the Real Estate sector which has seen a slump in recent times. Statewide, Mysuru and Mangaluru have seen the steepest hike of 5 percent to 25 percent. The guidance value has been published by the Department of Stamps and Registrations after inviting objections. The Department had published a notification in this regard in September last year.

Properties coming under all the four Sub-Registrar Offices in Mysuru (all Taluks, Corporation, Gram Panchayats, Town Panchayat) including land, houses, agricultural land, sites, flats, villas, villaments, apartments, corner sites, sites on approach roads, industrial and commercial properties, multi-storeyed buildings and all immovable properties will see an increase in prices.

As per the Stamps and Registration Act, the guidance value has to be revised every year. However, the revision was postponed last year due to the Assembly elections held earlier this year. The hike will mean an increase in stamp duty rates, which the buyer has to pay while buying or leasing properties and also premiums charged on Floor Space Index and other property-related payments.

As per the revised guidance value, property prices along the sides of the roads that criss-cross the city will see a steep hike and there are different prices for different areas. *(See table)*

Following reform measures like demonetisation and the introduction of Real Estate Regulation Act, the Real Estate sector had seen a downward trend. Only now, since 2016, the market is showing signs of revival and the Government move is set to boost the sector.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

PER SQUARE METRE RATES
AS PER NEW GUIDANCE VALUE

AREA	RATES
Vani Vilas Market to D. Banumaiah Circle on Sayyaji Rao Road	Rs. 32,000
Banumaiah Circle to K.R. Circle	Rs. 68,200
K.R. Circle to Ayurveda Hospital Circle	Rs. 1.15 lakh
Ayurveda Hospital to RMC Circle	Rs. 49,100
RMC Circle to Highway Circle	Rs. 32,600
Kumbarakoppal Main Road	Rs. 1,29,000
Kumbarakoppal Cross Roads	Rs. 9,600
Kumbarakoppal Inner Cross Roads	Rs. 9,900
Kumbarakoppal Colony	Rs. 6,500
Kumbarakoppal South Side	Rs. 13,000
Gokulam Main Road	Rs. 38,400
Gokulam Cross Road	Rs. 19,800
Gokulam First and Second Stage	Rs. 25,000
Gokulam Third Stage	Rs. 28,000
Gokulam Fourth Stage (Manjunathapura)	Rs. 20,000
Contour Road EWS	Rs. 19,700
Karnataka Slum Development Board Houses	Rs. 8,600
Bogadi First and Second Stage, Sharadadevinagar	Rs. 28,000
Janatanagar	Rs. 11,800
Srirampura First Stage	Rs. 23,000
Srirampura Second Stage	Rs. 24,000
Metagalli Main Road	Rs. 18,300
'Hale Ooru'	Rs. 8,500
Ambedkar Colony	Rs. 3,500
B.M. Sri Nagar Main Road	Rs. 10,100
B.M. Sri Nagar Cross Road	Rs. 8,300
Karakushalanagar (Ambedkar Jnanaloka)	Rs. 5,400

AGRICULTURAL LAND

Agricultural land (Kushki) at Ajjayyanahundi	Rs.51 lakh per acre
Thari land at Ajjayyanahundi	Rs.53 lakh per acre
House sites at Ajjayyanahundi	Rs. 4,750 per square metre
House sites approved by Development Authority	Rs. 10,900 per square metre
Agricultural land (Kushki) at Chowdahalli	Rs. 30 lakh per acre
Thari land at Chowdahalli	Rs. 32 lakh per acre
Agricultural land at Ayarahalli	Rs. 8.5 lakh per acre
Thari land at Ayarahalli	Rs. 9 lakh per acre
Government Uthanahalli (MUDA limits)	Rs. 32 lakh per acre
Inam Uthanahalli	Rs. 8 lakh per acre
Amchawadi village in Yelwal hobli	Rs. 3.50 lakh per acre
Anandur	Rs. 20 lakh per acre
Yelwal hobli MUDA limits, Mysuru-Hunsur Road	Rs. 35 lakh per acre
Anaganahalli under Mysuru West Office limits	Rs. 8 lakh per acre
Arasinakere	Rs. 5 lakh per acre
Udbur (MUDA limits)	Rs. 22 lakh per acre
Kadakola	Rs. 35 lakh per acre

BAI celebrates Builders' Day

***Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, celebrated Builders' Day at MBCT auditorium, Vishweswaranagar recently by conferring "Builder Par Excellence of the Year" award to J.V.R. Naidhruva** (sitting left) **and M.S. Ramprasad** (right) **and Member Extraordinaire award to M.C. Mallikarjun** (centre) **as** (standing from left) **K. Ajit Narayan, Hon. Secretary BAI Mysuru Centre, K. S. Someshwara Reddy, State Chairman, BAI, Karnataka, A. Puhazhendi, National President, BAI, A.R. Ravindra Bhat , Managing Trustee, MBCT(R), Mysuru, Anil Kumar Pillai, Senior -DGM-Technical Services, The Ramco Cements Ltd. and K. Subramanya Rao Chairman, BAI Mysuru Centre look on.*

Mysuru, Jan.1- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre celebrated Builders' Day with the theme for the year 'Innovative Techniques in Modern Construction' at MBCT auditorium, Vishweswaranagar in city recently.

BAI National President A. Puhazendi who was the chief guest addressed the gathering. Ramco Cements Ltd. Senior-DGM-Technical Services Anil Kumar Pillai gave a presentation about the new products introduced by his company.

BAI State Chairman K.S. Someshwara Reddy gave a brief report about the activities of BAI.

Two members M.S. Ramprasad, former Chairman, BAI, Mysuru Centre and J.V.R. Naidhruva, Chairman-Elect, BAI, Mysuru Centre were conferred the "Builder Par Excellence of the Year" award, while M.C. Mallikarjun, former Chairman, BAI, Mysuru Centre was awarded the "Member Extra-ordinaire Award."

Centre Chairman K. Subramanya Rao welcomed, Hon. Secretary K. Ajit Narayan proposed a vote of thanks and invocation was by Sharanya. Veena and S. Arun Kumar compeered, according to a press release from BAI, Mysuru Centre.

Yoga Guru birth centenary celebrations

BKS Yoga Ratna Award conferred

Mysuru, Jan.1- The foremost proponent of yoga in the world Prof.B.K.S. Iyengar's birth centenary was celebrated at Akkana Balaga School in city yesterday.

On the occasion, yoga teachers Yoga Prakash, Ananth, K. Ajit, Yoga Narasimha (Murali) and Apoorva Suresh were conferred BKS Yoga Ratna award by KPMK Charitable Trust.

Social Worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee speaking on the occasion said that Iyengar, the great yoga guru was instrumental in setting up 'B.K.S. Iyengar School of Yoga' throughout the world and spread this ancient form of yoga among the common people. Most of the yoga teachers have been trained directly or indirectly by B.K.S. Iyengar. If at all yoga has spread in the world today it is because of him and his contribution is immeasurable, he said.

Iyengar in his youth was suffering from illness and was cured by his uncle, the famous yoga exponent Tirumala Krishnamacharya, through yoga. That is how B.K.S. developed interest in yoga and started learning it deeply. Then he went to Pune and without knowing the language he established his stamp on yoga there. Within a few years through dint of hard work and achievements, he became known to the whole world, he said.

On the occasion book on his life history were distributed to the school children and awareness on yoga was created.

Melukote Vangipura Mutt Seer Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Trust's N.S. Sathyanarayan, KMPK Charitable Trust President Vikram Iyengar, District Brahmin Association President D.T. Prakash, Suyog Hospital Founder Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Akkana Balaga School Head Master Sugunavati, Jayasimha, Sridhar and others were present.

20 IPS Officers promoted, eight transferred

Bengaluru, Jan. 1- The State Home Department on Monday promoted 20 IPS officers and transferred eight other officers.

H.S. Revanna, DIGP, Police and Fire Services, Bengaluru has been promoted and posted until further orders as IGP (Northern Range), Belagavi.

B.R. Ravikante Gowda, SP, Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru, has been promoted and posted as Deputy Inspector General of Police, Police and Fire Services, Bengaluru. B.M. Lakxmiprasad, SP, Internal Security Division (Centre for Counter Terrorism), Bengaluru, has been transferred as SP, Dakshina Kannada.

Four IPS Officers of the 2015 batch who have been working as Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) are promoted as Superintendent of Police (SP) in senior time scale.

Similarly, four IPS officers of 2010 batch of Karnataka Cadre are promoted to the Junior Administrative grade carrying the pay scale land-12 of pay matrix.

In other postings, three IPS officers of 2016 batch, who have completed training at Hyderabad's Sardar Vallabhai Patel National Police Academy, have been posted as ASPs.

Kshama Mishra has been posted as ASP, Mysuru, while N. Yathish has been posted as ASP, Sagara and Sidulu Adavath as ASP, Bantwal, DK.

Kabutar Daan project completes four years

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (KS)- Helping Hands, a Jain youth organisation celebrated its 4th year of successful completion of its Kabutar Daan Project, feeding pigeons at the North Gate of Mysore Palace in front Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple this morning.

Pujya Sri Veerkanthaji Marasahib Adhi Thana 4 graced the occasion.

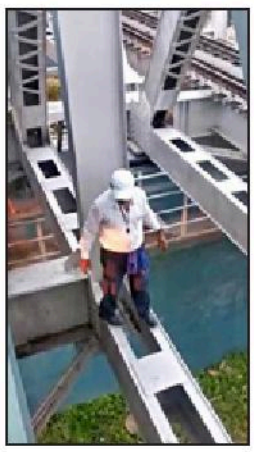
President of Helping Hands Mahaveer Khabiya, who welcomed Pujaya Marasahib, office-bearers of Helping Hands, Members of various Sangh and Mandals and organisations highlighted the activities of Kabutar Daan Project.

Meanwhile, Helping Hands Founder Rajan Baghmar said that the project was started on Jan. 1, 2015 after being inspired by a tourist and has now completed four years due to the blessings of gurus, elders, support from well wishers and contributions from various donors and hard work of all the team members.

Pujyasri Arpithaji Marasahib speaking on the occassion said that King Meghrath who sacrificed his body to save the life of one pigeon and became the 16th Jain Thirthankar Lord Shantinathji. Pujyasri also focused the importance of Daan and said that all should join hands for this noble cause. Pujyasri Veenaji Marasahib gave Manglik to Pigeons and members.

Helping Hands Secretary Anand Patwa, Treasurer Rajan Baghmar, B.A. Kailashchandji Bohra, Budhmalji Baghmar, Kanthilalji Gulecha, Gouthamji Salecha, Anand Saklecha, Manoharlalji Sankla, Mehandar Singh Rajpurohith, Kanmalji Darla, Gouthamji Singhvi, Amartal Rathod, members Abhishek Baghmar, Sunil Patwa, Prakash Gandhi, Barath Bohra, Goutham Dagaliya, Mahaveer Dhoka, Rahul Choudry, Goutham Patwa, Jaichand Ranka, Anil Ranka, Raj Gugaliya, Vishal Dagaliya, Dinesh Bohra, Adesh Lodha, Navrathan Ranka, Kishore Lodha, Pavan Sancheti and others were present on the occasion.

Train guard who risked his life to reset alarm chain felicitated



Vishnumoorthy walks on the girder bridge. Picture right shows Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, South Western Railway, handing over the prize to the guard.

Mysuru, Jan. 1- N. Vishnumoorthy, a passenger guard on the Tirupati Express, who risked his life to reset an alarm chain pulled by a passenger was given a cash award and felicitated yesterday. Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, South Western Railway, presented certificates and cash award to Vishnumoorthy, Senior Passenger Guard of Bengaluru Division for his commendable work. Pulling the alarm chain brings the train to a halt but the chain has to be reset manually to restore air pressure without which the train cannot move.

Vishnumoorthy was working on Train No.16219 Chamarajanagar-Tirupati Express on Dec. 26 and the train was stopped at Srirangapatna girder bridge due to Inter chain communication (ICC) known as alarm chain pulling.

The coach on which the emergency chain was pulled came to a halt on the bridge across River Cauvery. Vishnumoorthy walked the rake and on identifying the coach found it to be unapproachable as it was in the middle of the bridge.

By risking his life he walked on the bridge without any walkway and restored the chain that was stuck to the last vehicle board. Vishnumoorthy could complete this difficult job in 10 minutes and moreover, he also caught the offender who pulled alarm chain without any valid reason and handed him over to Railway Protection Force.

In recognition of his work, Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, South Western Railway, presented a cash award of Rs. 5,000 to Vishnumoorthy, according to a press release from the Railways.

Tribal status to Kodavas: State orders ethnographic survey

Bengaluru, Jan. 1- Bowing to pressure from people of Kodagu and Codava National Council, the State Government has re-commissioned an ethnographic and socioeconomic survey to see whether the Kodava community qualifies for tribal status. This is the third time such a survey has been taken up in the wake of reports on an alarming decline in the population of Kodava community.

In 2011, the then UPA government directed that a survey must be conducted but it was put on hold for political reasons. A survey initiated by the Siddharamaiah government in 2016 too was also stopped midway.

As per the Centre's directions, the Social Welfare Ministry had entrusted the job to Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, Mysuru and released Rs. 11 lakh for the same.

Though the survey by a group of research scholars began systematically from Nov. 16, 2016 to December 2016, it was stopped midway by some vested interests who did not want the survey to be conducted, said Nandineravanda U. Nachappa, President of CNC.

The CNC has been spearheading Kodava community's cause and has held many agitations in this regard. The organisation also has petitioned the State and Centre to conduct the survey and save the distinct community and its culture from vanishing away.

CNC has been arguing that the survey was stopped by some vested interests. Nachappa alleged that pressure from an influential mutt and some Congress leaders from Kodagu were against the survey as the credit would naturally go to CNC that has been fighting for the survey since years.

Social Welfare Minister Priyank Kharge said that the Centre recommended conducting a survey to see whether Kodavas qualify for tribal status and the KSTRI, Mysuru, has been asked to do the needful.

Welcoming the State move to restart the survey, Nachappa said that the culture and traditions of Kodavas are similar to tribals. The government cannot grant Kodavas the status unless the survey establishes it, he said.

Commending Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and the Social Welfare Minister for commissioning the survey, Nachappa said that there is an urgent need to sustain Kodava genus under Articles 340 and 342 of the Constitution which provide for the recognition of ethno linguistic tribal minorities, since the community is dwindling in numbers for many economic and sociological reasons.

"Kodavas deserve tribal status since their population is less than 1.5 lakh. There is an estimated 65,000 Kodavas in other parts of the world. The Centre has considered including Kodava Thakk, the Kodava language without a script, in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and a notification has been issued to initiate the process. BJP MP Subramanian Swamy, who is in favour of autonomous status for Kodagu, has moved a private member bill in the Parliament on the issue and it is pending for discussion.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Canorous

Pronunciation: Kuh-NOR-us.
Meaning: Pleasant sounding, melodious.
Origin: In Confessions of an English Opium-Eater (1821), the author Thomas de Quincey describes a manservant who, after accidentally letting a loaded trunk fall down a flight of stairs, "sang out a long, loud, and canorous peal of laughter." Canorous typically describes things, such as church choirs or birds in the spring, that are a pleasure to listen to. It derives from the Latin verb canere ("to sing"), a root it shares with a number of words that evoke what is sweet to the ear, such as chant, canticle ("a song"), cantor ("a leader of a choir"), carmen ("a song, poem, or incantation"), and even accent.
Example: Giving a canorous speech to the attentive crowd, the speaker's voice carried beautifully throughout the arena.

THE ODD WORD

Funambulist

A tightrope walker.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hairy eyeball

Meaning: A glance made with partially lowered eyelashes.

Origin: This is a US phrase from the 1960s and is largely restricted to US use. The earliest known printed record of it is from The Galveston Daily News, November 1961, in a piece that reports on an interview with Carol Burnett. With her [Burnett's sister] everything is boys-boys-boys. She's really educated me. She was telling me about a boy looking at her and she said, "He gave me the hairy eyeball." That meant he liked her. That appears to contradict the usual suspicious and hostile meaning which is evident in this slightly later piece from The New York Times, November 1963. "He gave me the hairy eyeball" - means that someone is disapproving.
Example: My wife "gave me the hairy eyeball" when I got home late.

QUOTE BOX

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more. **— H. Jackson Brown**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Balanced diet.

SUDOKU

	3		1			6	2	
2		7						
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9					4			1
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	8	6			5		9	

Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Moccasin
4 Air Transport Assoc.
7 Local land measure
9 ___ on : is excessively fond of?
12 Petty ruler
13 Fragrant - "telon" anagram?
14 Long steep face of plateau etc.
15 Lease
17 What's left after burning
18 Tilted over
20 Any doctrine
21 Portuguese navigator who discovered Cape of Good Hope
22 Exodus author Leon ___
23 Projects, plansorundertakings
27 "Yes" said in an informal way?
28 Indefinitely long periods of time
29 Inertial Ref. Unit
30 Between the eighth and the tenth?
32 Mountain pass
35 Constellation : The fishes
37 __ down: diminishes gradually
39 Permission
40 Dodged or avoided
41 German or Austrian rifleman - "gayer" anagram?
42 Himalayan kingdom
43 Before, for the poet
44 Ukraine, once: abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

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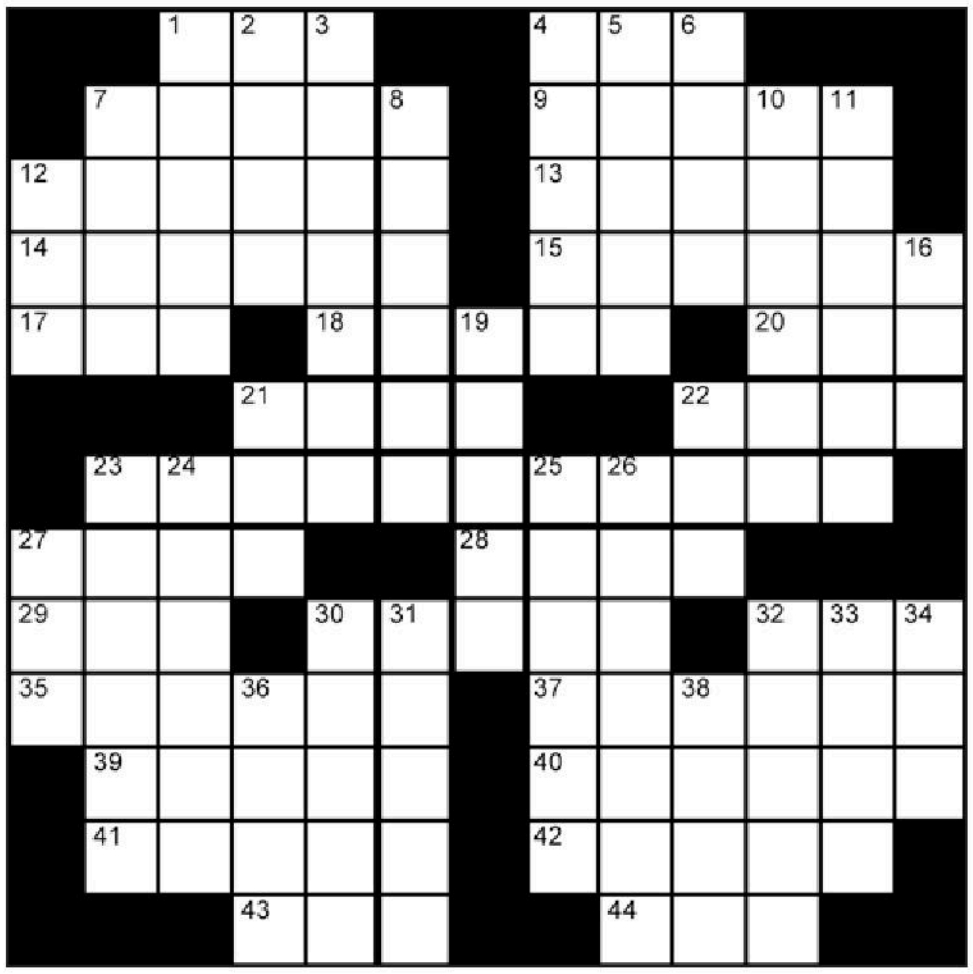
DOWN

1 Area between wickets
2 The site of Taj Mahal
3 ___ Chaplin : the famous comedian?
4 Decorate
5 Vacancy sign (2,3)
6 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
7 Largemouth is one
8 Come into view
10 Complete; whole
11 State of equilibrium
12 Arabian or Red or Black
16 Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery, acronym?
19 Poplar tree
21 Tata, Airtel, etc offer this TV service
22 United State Steamship, abbr.
23 In a weird or unearthly manner
24 Queasiness, disgust
25 Bad or spoilt?
26 Takes a breath
27 Barking sound from a pup
30 At no time
31 Rhone River feeder
32 Large coniferous tree
33 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
34 Hallucinogenic drug
36 Enclosure
38 Young dogs



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LT BOO WBZT AWT TSADBVDQGEBDP XVQTQ

LGAWGE KH, LBGAGEF AV YT DTOTBHTQ

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The baseball pitcher's personality needed some polish. He was a diamond in the rough.

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	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Orange	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Nathicharami	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Viraj	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Paradesi c/o London (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINDI			
Simmba	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
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TAMIL			
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TELUGU			
Antariksham 9000 kmph	Rajkamal	2423554	2 Shows

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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1) 4.10 pm
Simmba (H)	(S-1) 10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3) 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Ente Ummante Peru (Ma)	(S-2) 10.40 am
Nathicharami (K)	(S-2) 4.30 pm
Njan Prakashan (Ma)	(S-2) 9.55 pm
Ananthu V/S Nusrat (K)	(S-3) 10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.00 pm

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	(S-2) 3.55 pm
	(S-4) 9.30 pm
Zero (H)	(S-4) 9.40 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1) 3.45 pm
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	(S-3) 3.20 pm
	(S-4) 6.30 pm
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Nathicharami (K)	3.30 pm
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Njan Prakashan (M)	9.30 pm

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Niranthara Ranga Utsava concludes

Senior theatre artistes Gangadhara Swamy and Mime Ramesh were felicitated during the valedictory of Niranthara Ranga Utsava-2018 at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Sunday. Picture right shows a scene from the play 'Sandeha Samrajya' enacted by K.V. Subbanna Ranga Samooha, Heggod, under the direction of Manjunath L. Badiger.

FROM LEFT: *Prasad Kundooru of Niranthara, Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, renowned Yakshagana artiste Keremane Shivananda Hegade, Income Tax Department (Chennai) Commissioner Jayarama Raayapura and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara, releasing the special edition of 'Samaja Mukhi' monthly during Niranthara Theatre Fest.*

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.1)

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar 1st Stage: New Year celebrations, distribution of two lakh laadus to devotees, **up to 12 midnight.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North: Sri Sita Rama Lakshmana Hanumantha Devara Utsava led by *Dolu Dore* Vid. V. Nataraj and Bharat Band, **4 pm onwards;** Devotional songs by Sumantha Vasishta and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Book Release: Book release and interaction as part of Koregaon Vijayotsava, former Minister N. Mahesh releases the book 'Mooka Nayaka' authored by Dr. C.S. Dwarakanath, writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara, SDPI National Convenor Abdul Majeed and senior journalist K. Deepak chief guests, felicitation to Dr. C.S. Dwarakanath (former Chairman of Backward Classes Commission, Bengaluru), Humanities auditorium, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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Ursu Mandali Sangha: Subramanya Raje Urs (Chaduranga) Jayanti, Vijayalakshmi Urs inaugurates, Dr. Prof. Vikram Raje Urs chief guest, Sangha Vice-President S. Lingaraje Urs presides, Rajasri Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wadiyar Community Hall, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.2)

Marimallappa's PU College, Sita Vilas Road: Valedictory of Cultural and Sports Forum (2018-19), valedictory address by Swami Athmajnanandaji, Marimallapa's Educational Institutions Hon. President S. Paramashivaiah presides, prize distribution by Institution Hon. Secretary Prof. K.N. Panchakasharaswamy, DDPU Dr. Dayananda chief guest, Kalamandira premises, **9 am.**

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC): Pre-budget consultation meeting with the public, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath presides, renovated Council Hall, **3 pm.**

Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North: Devotional Songs by Bhoomika Mohan and Troupe, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Instrumental Music by R. Mohan and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Sri Sita Rama Lakshmana Hanumantha Devara Uyyalotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Ayama Academy of Fine Arts, School of Art and Culture, Wel Waac: Ninaada Sangeethotsava - 2019, inauguration with rendition of Kuvempu's 'Om Sachchidananda' song, **5.30 pm;** Classical Music by students of Ayama School of Music, **6 pm;** 'Sahitya mattu Sangeetha' by Ayama Academy students, **6.30 pm;** 'Shatsangeeta Prakara' by Ayama Academy Music Teachers, **7.30 pm;** Felicitation to senior musicians of various fields, Kalamandira, **8.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

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